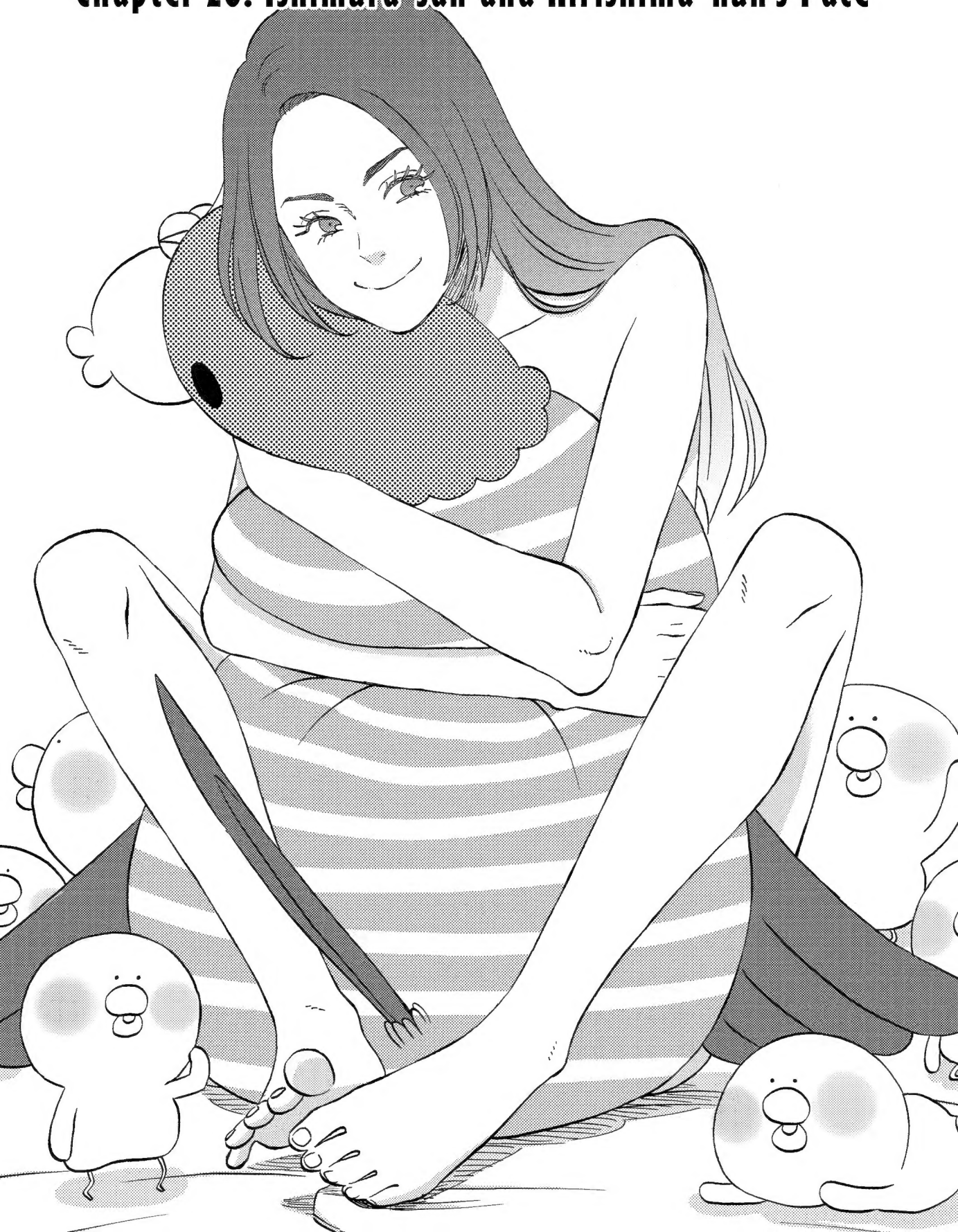
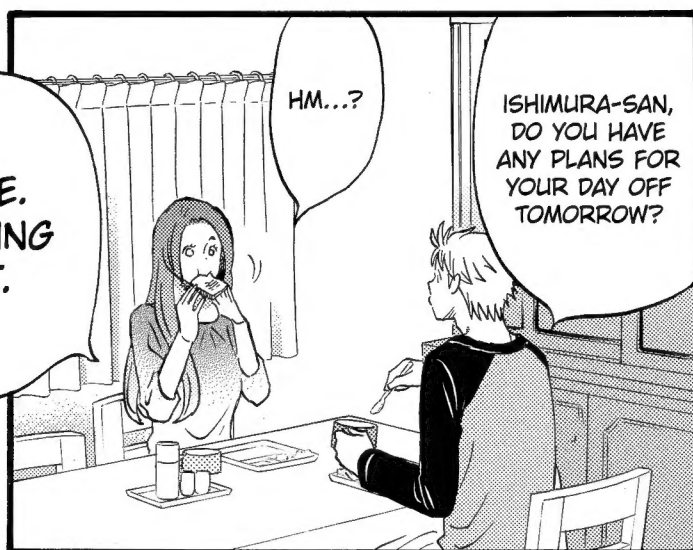
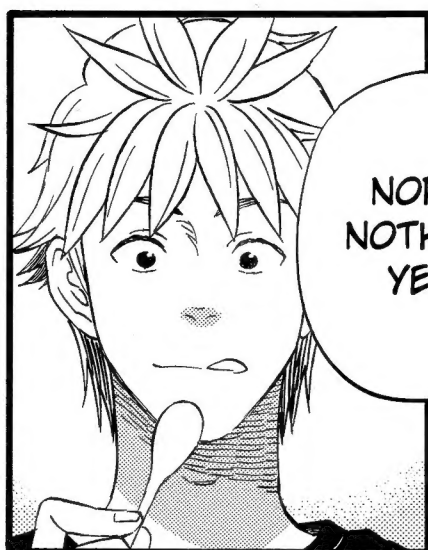
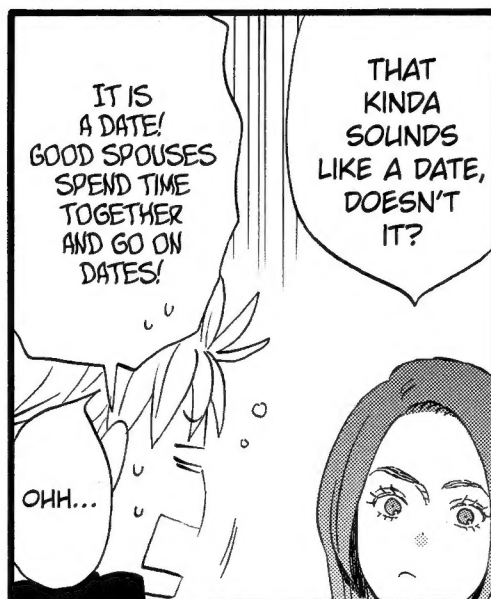
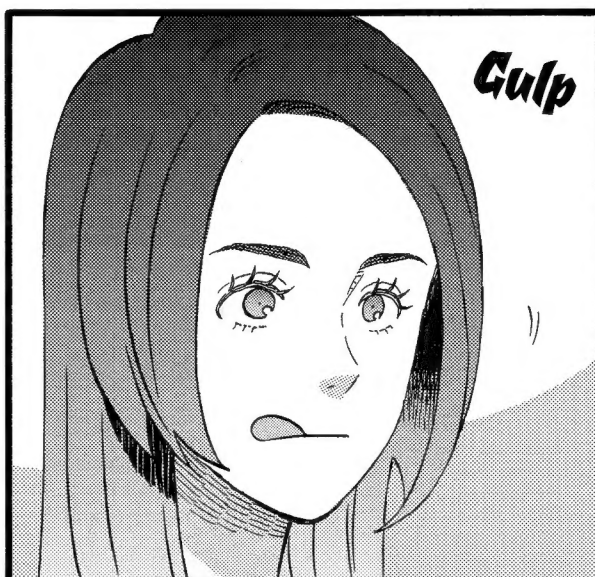


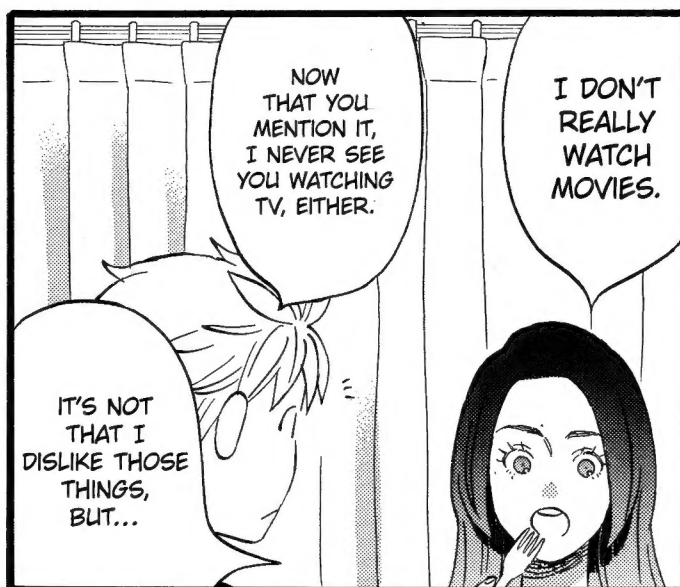
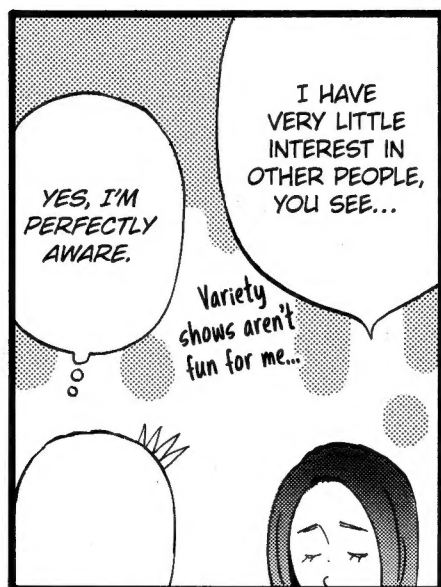
## Chapter 26: Ishimura-san and Kirishima-kun's Pace

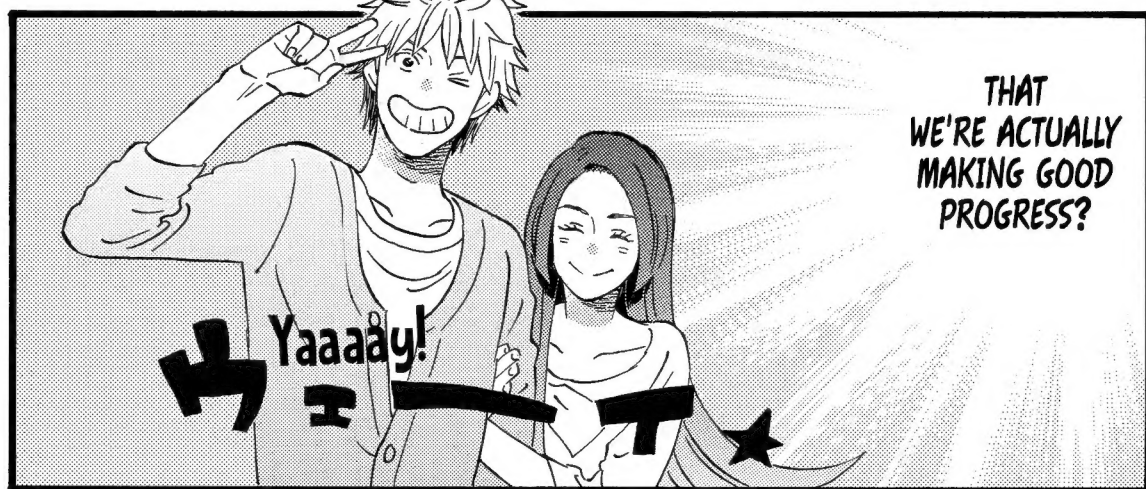
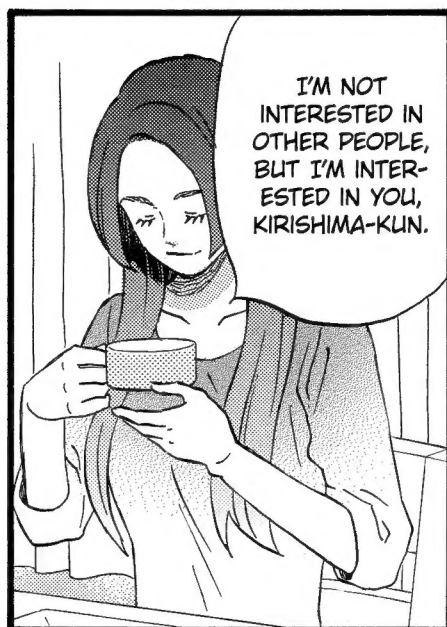
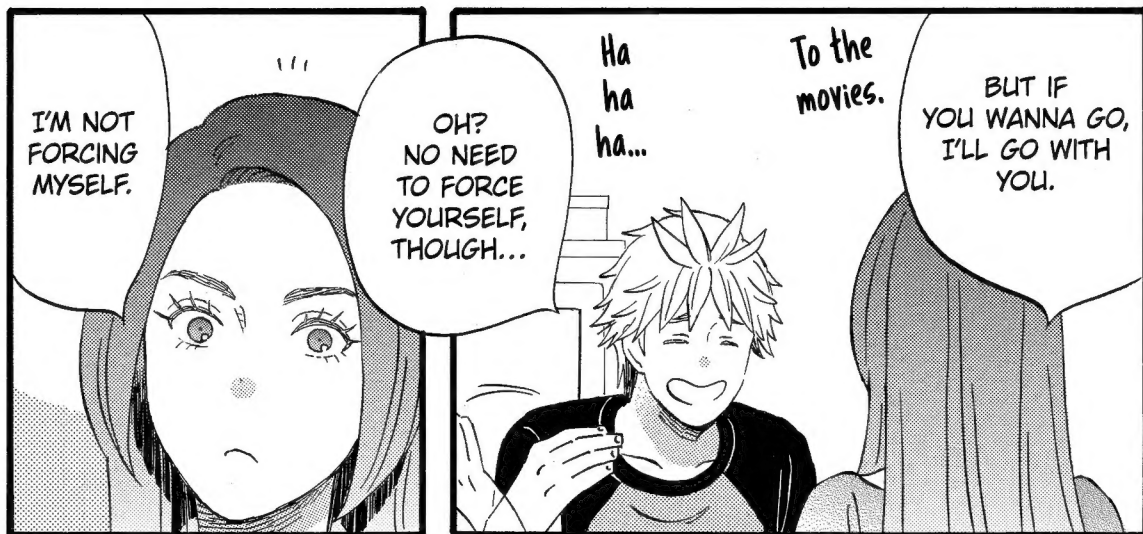


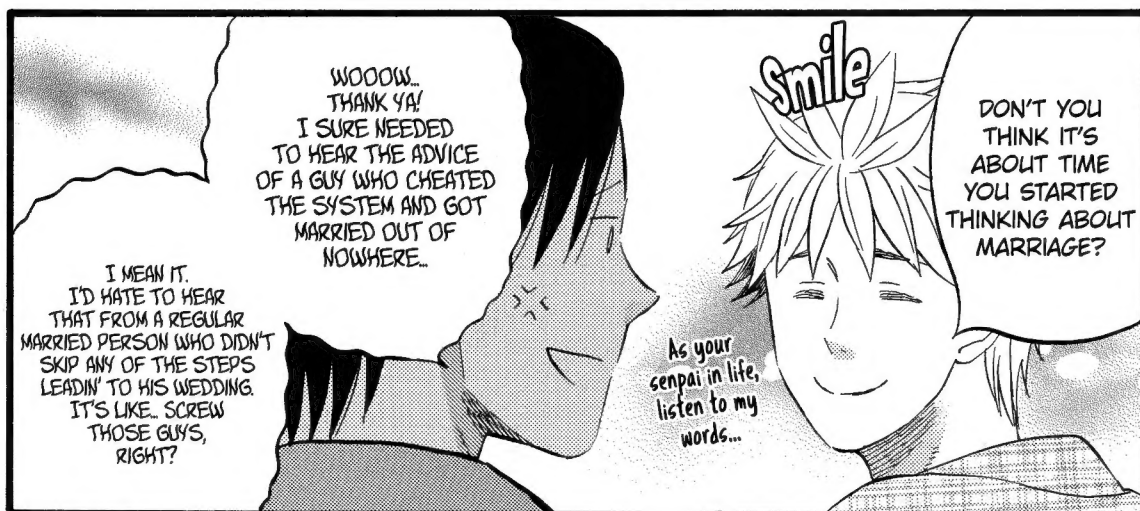




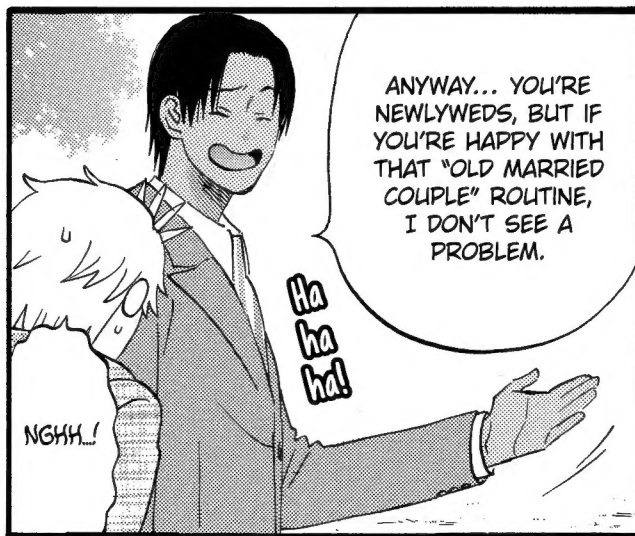








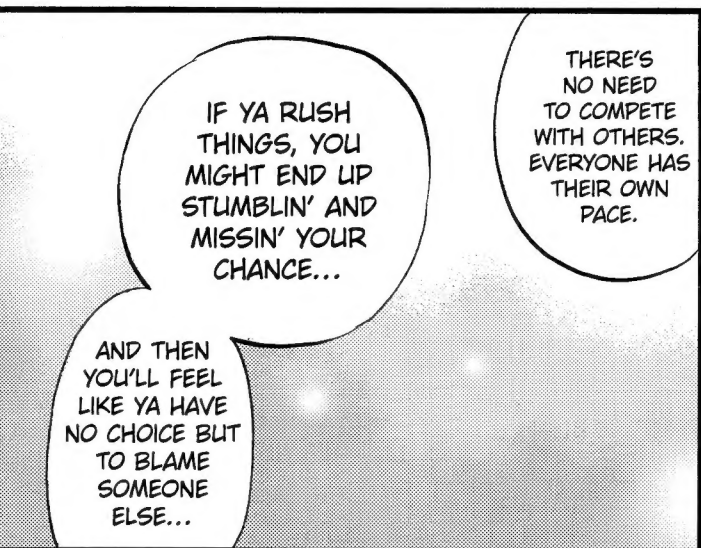






...YA FEELIN' THAT WAY SURE DEMONSTRATES THAT YA BEEN THROUGH A LOT.

OUR CURRENT SITUATION IS ALREADY AMAZING ENOUGH.



IF YA RUSH THINGS, YOU MIGHT END UP STUMBLIN' AND MISSIN' YOUR CHANCE...

THERE'S NO NEED TO COMPETE WITH OTHERS. EVERYONE HAS THEIR OWN PACE.

AND THEN YOU'LL FEEL LIKE YA HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO BLAME SOMEONE ELSE...



WELL... LIFE'S LONG, AND YA TWO STILL HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO. IT'S FINE TO GO AT HER PACE.



YA KNOW HOW THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO GET REALLY STRESSED WHEN THEY'RE SINGLE, RIGHT?

PEOPLE WHO ARE ALWAYS MEASURIN' THEMSELVES TO OTHERS, ALWAYS COMPETIN'... ARE A PAIN IN THE ASS.

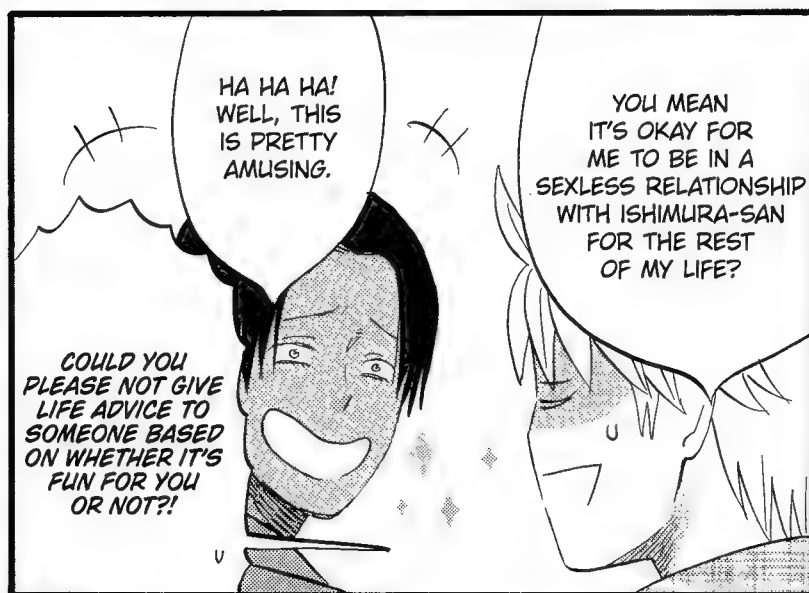


HMM?

I MEAN THAT YA SHOULDN'T WORRY SO MUCH.

HONESTLY, IT'S A GREAT THING THAT I DON'T HAVE ANY FRIENDS LIKE THAT.







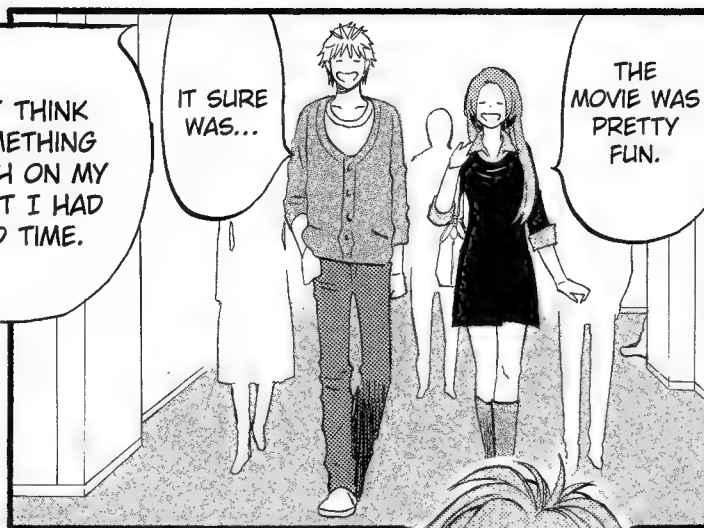
IF WE WANT TO  
BECOME A GOOD,  
GENUINE COUPLE, WE  
SHOULD TAKE A STEP  
FORWARD IN THAT  
DIRECTION...

THAT'S  
RIGHT...  
BEING AN  
"ENTERTAINING"  
COUPLE ISN'T  
GOOD!



HA HA HA!  
I'LL INVITE  
YOU AGAIN,  
THEN.

I DON'T THINK  
IT'S SOMETHING  
I'D WATCH ON MY  
OWN, BUT I HAD  
A GOOD TIME.



IT SURE  
WAS...

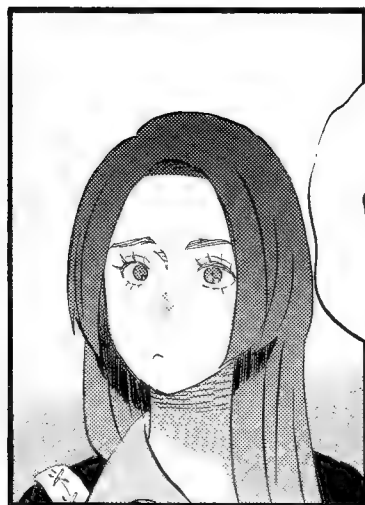
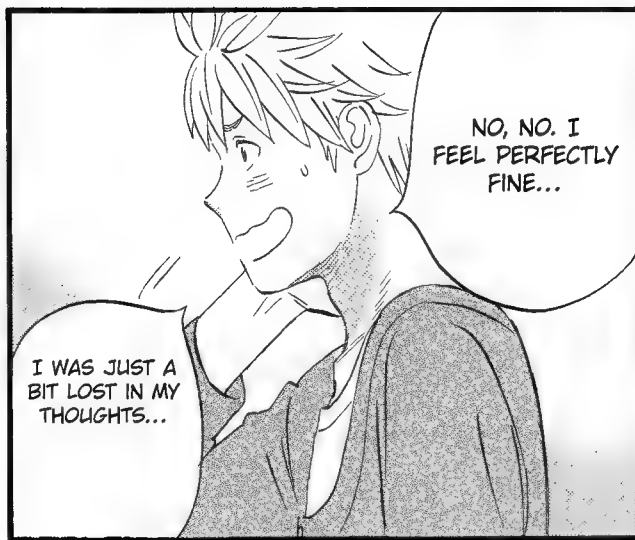
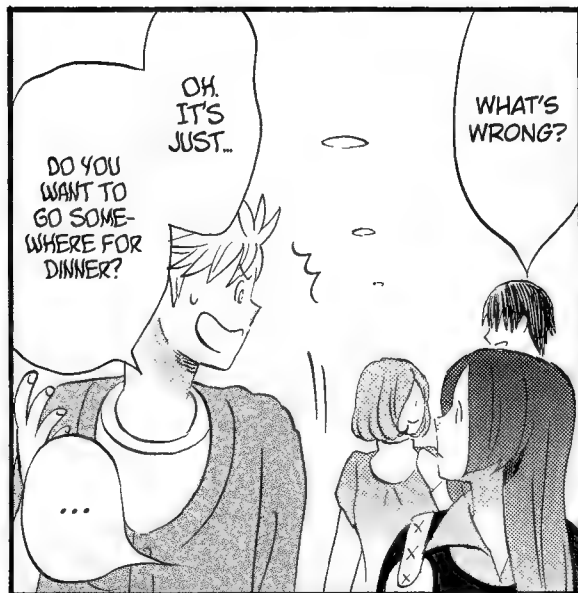
THE  
MOVIE WAS  
PRETTY  
FUN.

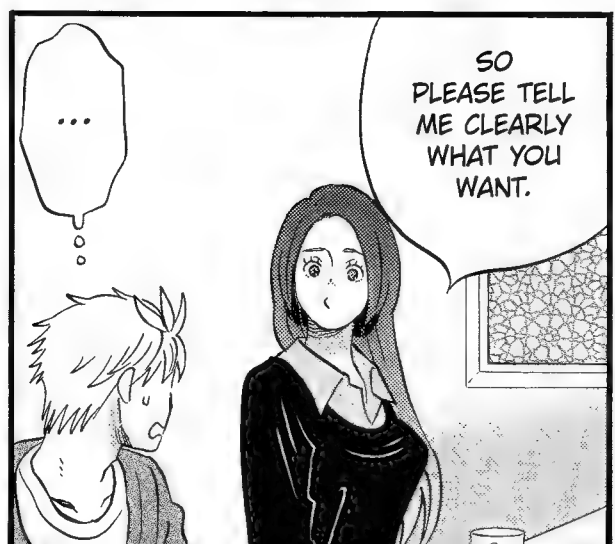
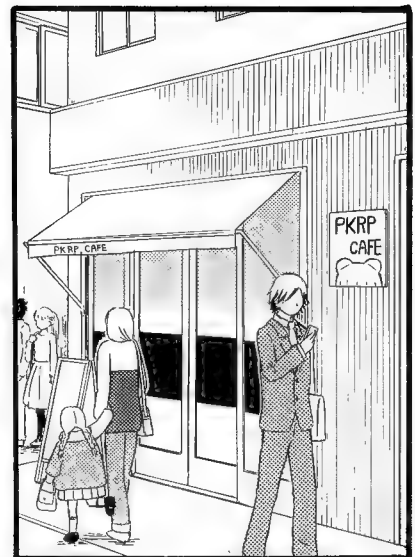
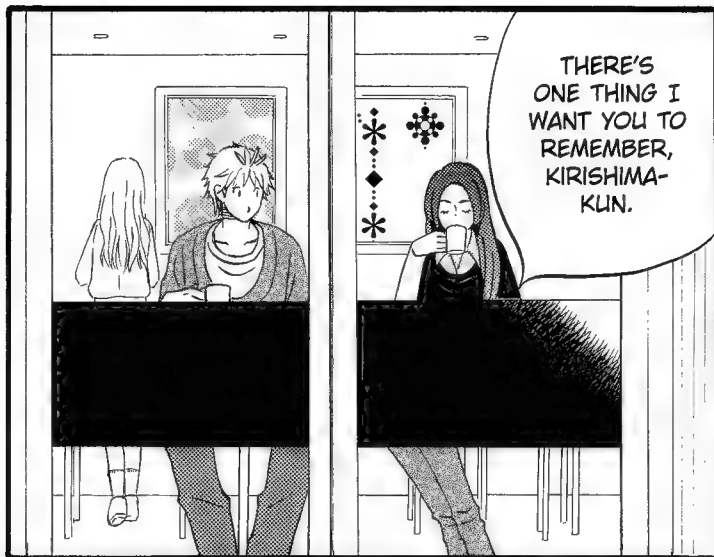


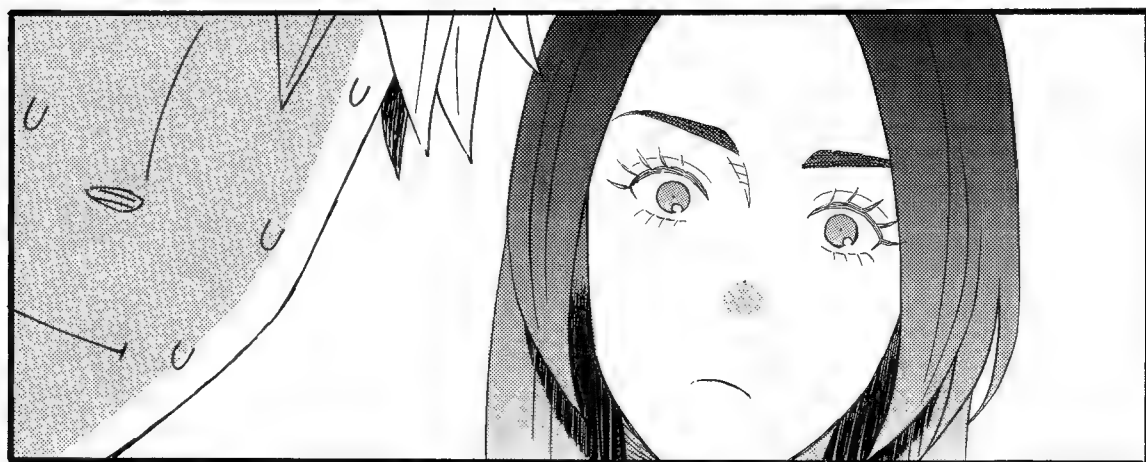
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heh  
heh...

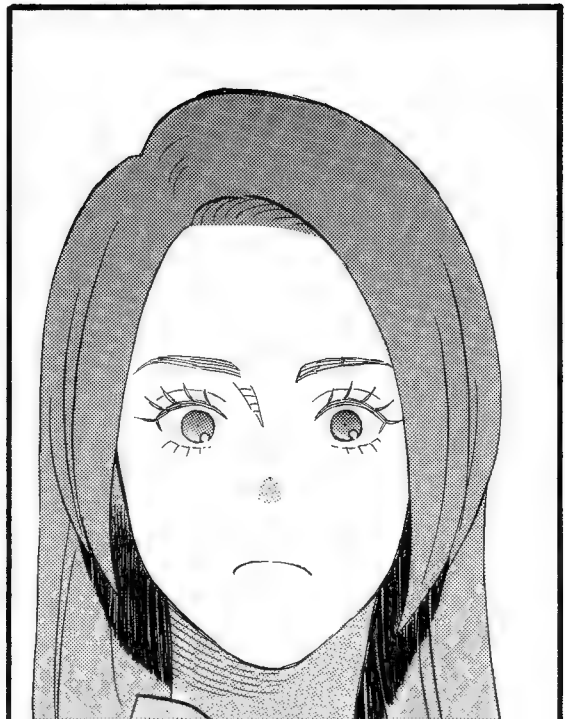
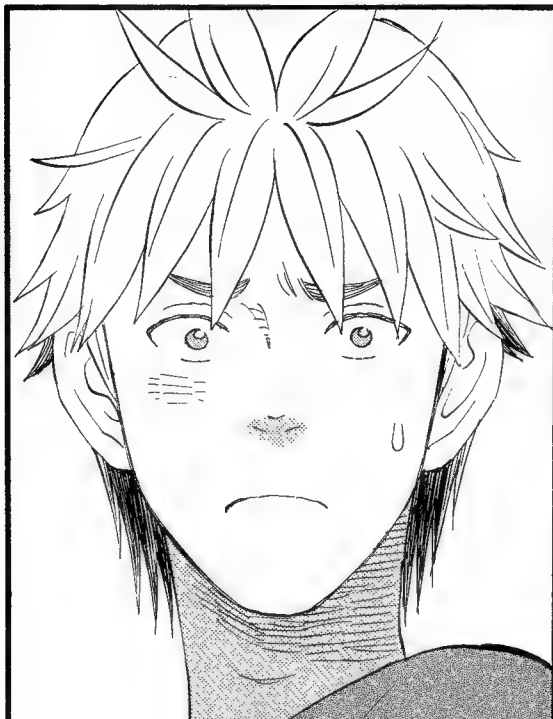
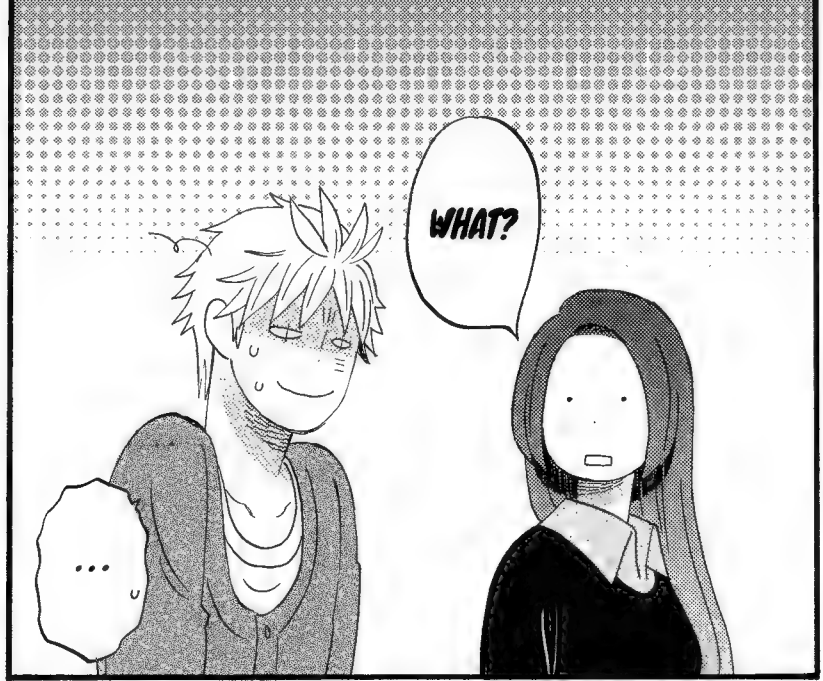


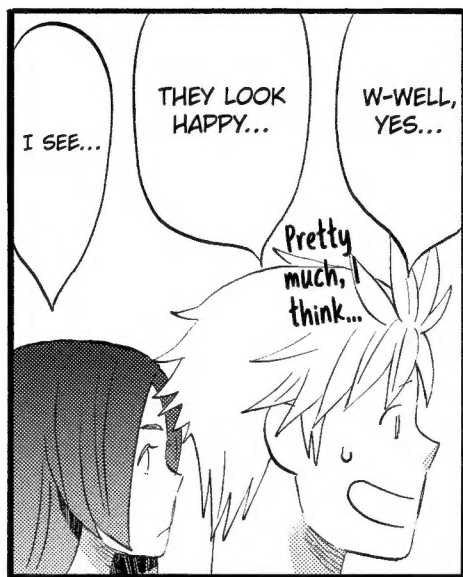
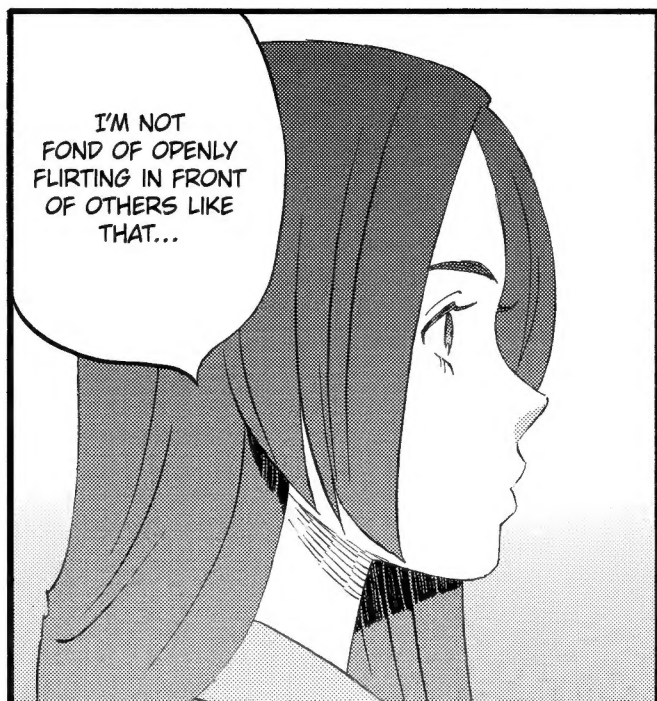
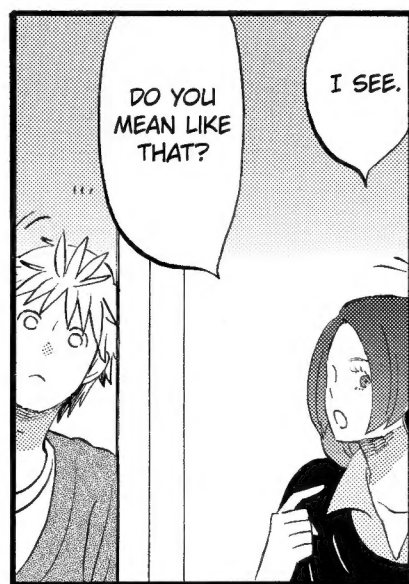
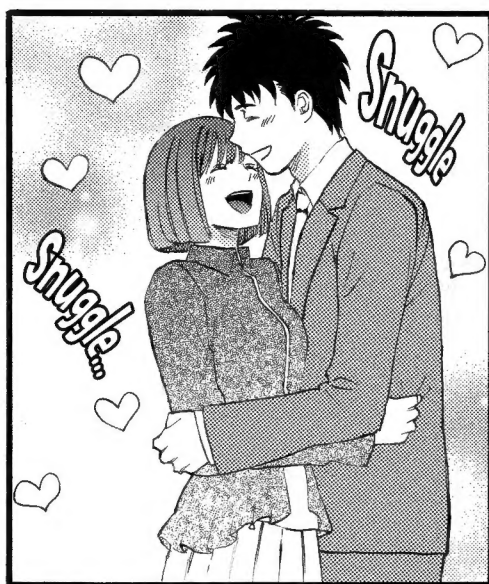
Ha  
ha  
ha!

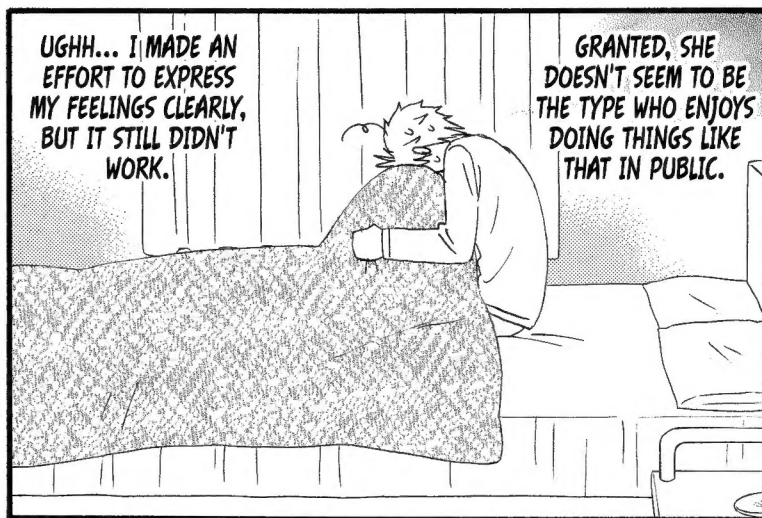
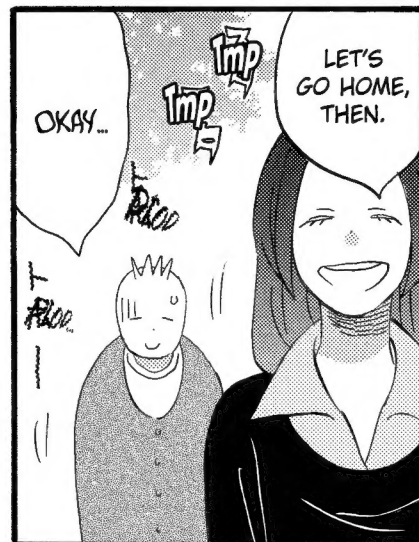
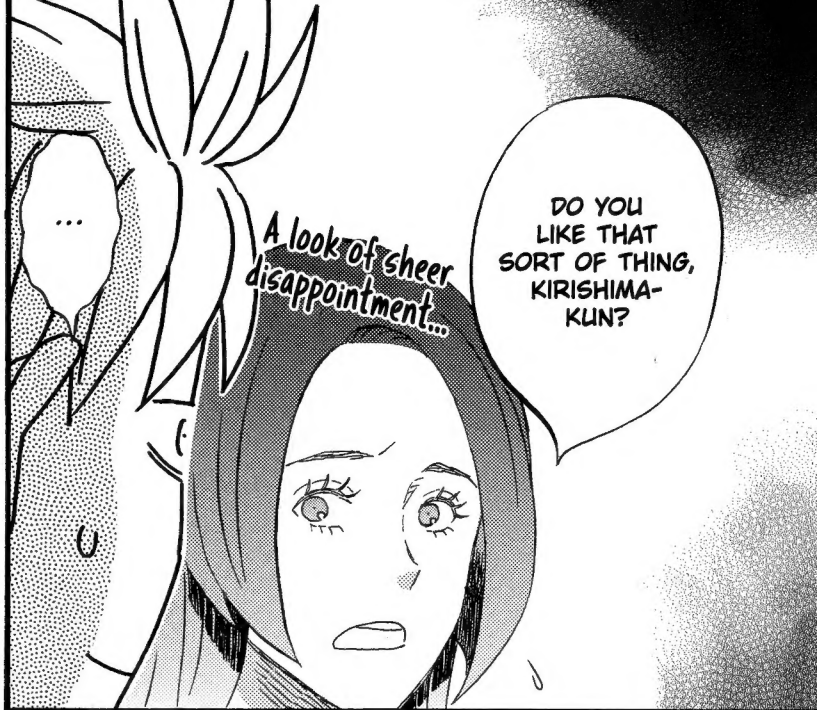
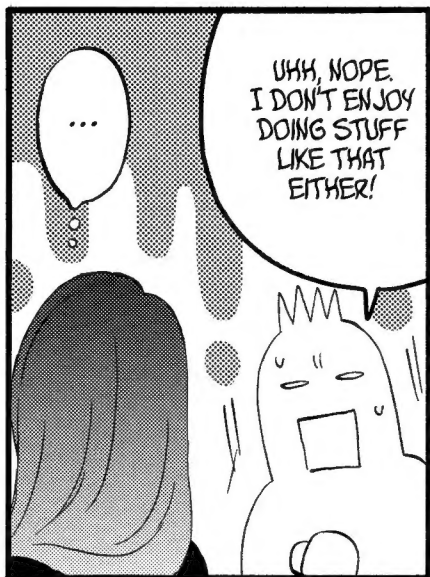














I'LL TRY AGAIN.

I SHOULD  
ADJUST MY  
EXPECTATIONS  
ACCORDINGLY...

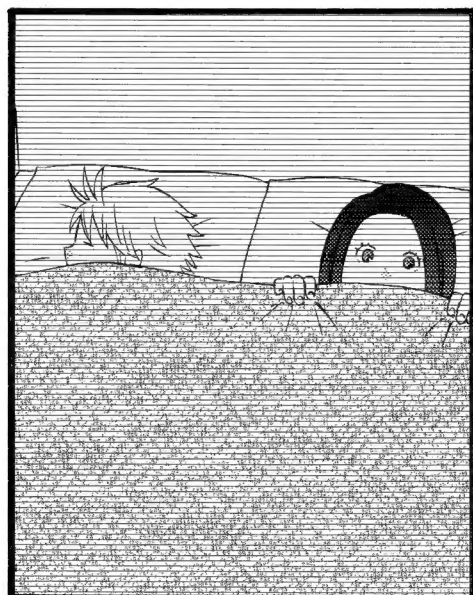
WE'RE  
NOT YOUR  
AVERAGE  
MARRIED  
COUPLE.

IN THE  
FIRST PLACE,  
THAT DOESN'T  
SUIT HER.



Zzz...

OH?  
ARE YOU  
ASLEEP ALREADY,  
KIRISHIMA-  
KUN?



I WANTED  
TO GIVE  
SNUGLING  
A TRY,  
THOUGH.

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